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1. The large old sugar factory [for location, see Annex A] in Chropyne [4921N-1722E] was abolished by a special government commission sometime after 1945 because of the obsolete and unprofitable equipment of the factory. The Svit plant in Gottwaldov was ordered sometime in 1948 to take over the premises of the former sugar factory, which included a complex of about 15 buildings, and to set up production there of goods from plastic materials. The plant was named Plastimat National Enterprise. The reconstruction of the plant started in 1949.

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it is possible that the plant was set into operation at the end of 1950.

2. A small group of Svit designers, five or six men, started work in 1949 on designing dies for pressing machinery for the Plastimat plant. A Communist, [redacted] who was chief of this group, also traveled throughout Czechoslovakia selecting presses from enterprises for production of plastic goods where production had stopped or was soon to be stopped by government decision. The presses he chose were sent to the Plastimat plant in Chropyne. (Fnu) Hrabovsky [redacted] was the most experienced designer of the group engaged in the die designing project at Svit. (Fnu) Hodan, [redacted] was another member of the group. The offices of this group were located in the Svit plant in Gottwaldov on the third floor of building No. 64 [redacted] and were next to the Research Textile Machines Section. All of the Designing Department of the Svit plant, along with the Testing Workshops, was located in this building. In addition, the workshop for production of needles was located there. Further members were added to this group of designers in the fall of 1950 and for reasons of space the group had to be transferred to Chropyne.

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3. The group designed, with complete success, equipment for pressing all the standard electric appliances normally produced from plastics, such as switches, plugs, fuse boxes, etc., and bobbins for textile machines. As a special task, they designed equipment for pressing plastic loom shuttles which were generally made from wood. 25X1.

All the equipment designed by this group was most probably tested and set in trial operation in the Research Institute of the Svit plant in Gottwaldov.

Annex:

- A. Plastimat National Enterprise in Chropyne. Overlay on Map: Czechoslovakia, Prerov 4259, Scale 1:75,000.

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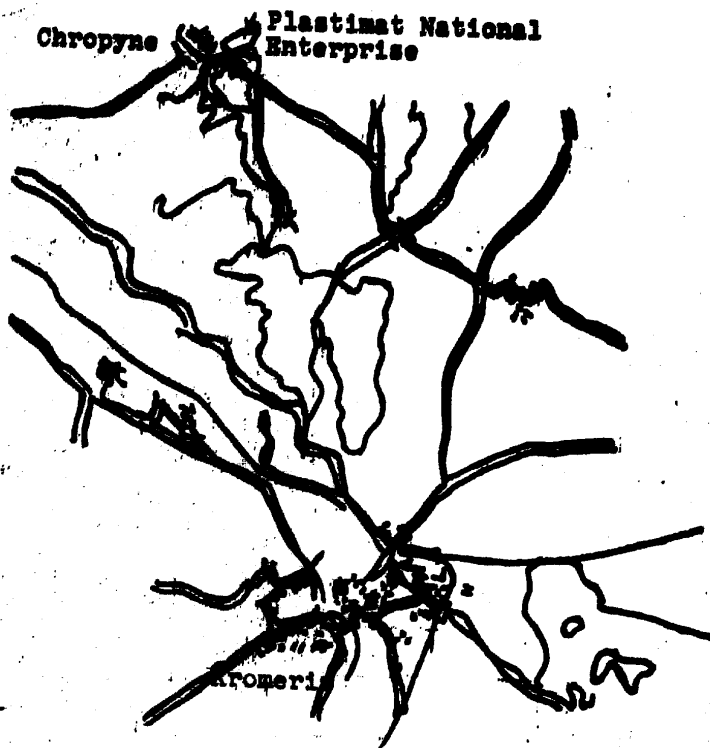
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